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SUBJECT: WTDR WILLIAM WARDEN LTD. (REQUESTED AS  
WARDEN WALKER WORLDWIDE INC. CO.)

1. ENGLAND 2. CNTRY CODE: NA 3. SER.NO: NA

4. WILLIAN WARDEN LTD. (REQUESTED AS WARDEN WALKER  
WORLDWIDE INC. CO.)

4A.CODE 4B. CODE: NA  
5. IMPERIAL HOUSE, LONDON ROAD  
6. GUILDFORD, SURREY, ENGLAND

7. ESTABL: 1848 8. EMPL: 30 9. SIZE: MEDIUM  
10. REPUTATION: NEGATIVE 12. RPT. DATE: 03/77

13A.SCOTCH WHISKY BROKER AND FINANCIERS, HANDLING MONEYS  
RECEIVED FOR INVESTMENTS IN WHISKIES

14. CONTACT: L.A.W. NOBLE TITLE: DIRECTOR  
15. CABLE: NA 16. TELEX: 85404  
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17. PHONE: 0483/71241

18. FINANCIAL REFERENCE:NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK LTD.,  
113 HIGH STREET, WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE. TRADE REF: NA

19. MAJOR FOREIGN FIRMS REPRESENTED: NA

20. THIS FIRM DID NOT CO-OPERATE IN FURNISHING THE EMBASSY WITH DETAILS REQUIRED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT, AND IT IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE PERTINENT TRADE ASSOCIATION. FOUNDED AS A GROCERY FIRM, IT HAS HAD A NUMBER OF CHANGES OF NAME, ACTIVITY AND OWNERSHIP OVER THE YEARS. ITS PRESENT OPERATION AS SCOTCH WHISKY BROKERS AND FINANCIERS DATES FROM 1968. IT TRADES UNDER SEVERAL NAMES INCLUDING WARDEN WALKER WORLDWIDE INVESTMENTS COMPANY. IT IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH WARDEN WALKER WHISKY INVESTMENT CO. LTD. AND ST. ANDREWS WHISKY BROKERS LTD., BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO DIFFERENTIATE THEIR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT SINCE 1973 THE CONTROLLING INTEREST HAS BEEN HELD BY MANDABAR INTERNATIONAL LTD., AN ISLE OF MAN BASED COMPANY REGISTERED IN 1971. FORMERLY AT ADDRESSES IN LONDON AND GLASGOW, WILLIAM WARDEN LTD. NOW OCCUPIES MODERN OFFICES IN A PROVINCIAL BUSINESS CENTER. THIS TYPE OF BUSINESS IS HIGHLY SPECULATIVE, AND IN VIEW OF THE BAD EXPERIENCES AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE HAD WITH SOME SCOTCH WHISKY FUTURES VENTURES, AND BECAUSE OF SEVERAL SPECIFIC TRADE COMPLAINTS AGAINST WILLIAM WARDEN, THE EMBASSY CANNOT AT THIS TIME RECOMMEND THE FIRM AS A TRADE CONTACT, ALTHOUGH CREDIT SOURCES DESCRIBE IT AS "TRUSTWORTHY FOR NORMAL ENGAGEMENTS".

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